

HOUSE RESOLUTION 256
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the coaches and players of the Baylor School softball team upon winning the 2005 TSSAA Division II Softball State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athletic team is the Baylor School softball team, which recently won the 2005 TSSAA Division II Softball State Title; and

WHEREAS, in the thrilling state championship game, the Lady Raiders softball team rallied in the seventh inning from one run down to defeat their rivals, Girls Preparatory School, by the score of 4-3 to claim the 2005 TSSAA Division II Softball State Title; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Kelli Smith, the Baylor School softball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 softball season, establishing an excellent record of thirty-six wins against only seven losses, claiming the TSSAA Division II Softball Region Title, and winning its third consecutive TSSAA Division II Softball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extremely talented and gifted softball team are: M. C. Vercoe, Anne Lawrence, Lara Newberry, Laura Davies, Lindsay Miller, Ashley Lawrence, Maddie Schmissrauter, Katie Yarnell, Sam Everett, Caitlin Sutherland, Claire Hufstetler, Liz Dill, and Mary Davies; and

WHEREAS, four Baylor School softball players were named to the All-State Team, and all four seniors signed athletic scholarships to play Division I softball; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Kelli Smith's able leadership, the Baylor School softball team also benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coach Tom Watson; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout, the Lady Raiders conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Baylor School softball team epitomize the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and players of the Baylor School softball team upon achieving an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 season and capturing their third consecutive TSSAA Division II Softball State Title and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.